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GENERAL COUNCIL
OF
MEDICAL EDUCATION AND REGISTRATION.

WINTER SESSION, 1926.

THE one hundred and twenty-fourth session of the General Medical Council opened on Tuesday, November 23rd, at its house in Hallam Street, London. Sir DONALD MACALISTER, Bt., K.C.B., presided.

The following newly appointed members were introduced to the President and took their seats:

Leonard Parker Gamgee, M.S., F.R.C.S., to represent the University of Birmingham for five years from July 1st, 1926.

Sir Humphry Rolleston, Bt., K.C.B., M.D., to represent the University of Cambridge for five years from November 9th, 1926.

Mr. Gamgee was introduced by Sir Holburt Waring, and Sir Humphry Rolleston by Sir Robert Bolam.

PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS.

Deaths of Former Members.

Since our last meeting three members-*emeriti* have died at a ripe age. Each had rendered notable service to his generation and to this Council. Sir Henry Morris, who retired in 1917, was our trusted and efficient treasurer for ten years. Dr. John Christie McVail, who for a like period was Crown member for Scotland, vindicated here and elsewhere the claims of preventive medicine to a prominent place in professional education and practice, and left an abiding mark on the medical curriculum. Mr. David Neilson Knox, retiring in 1921, had for twelve years represented here the Royal Faculty of Glasgow with characteristic sobriety of judgement. We are the richer for our memories of what these former colleagues did and what they were.

Changes in Membership.

In my last address I intimated with regret the retirement from the Council of Sir Gilbert Barling, Vice-Chancellor of the University of Birmingham. The University has now appointed in his place Mr. Leonard Parker Gamgee, F.R.C.S., Professor of Surgery, whom to-day we cordially welcome to our counsels. To some of us his name carries happy associations of old friendships. We shall miss from our fellowship Dr. W. L. H. Duckworth, the representative of Cambridge since 1922, who, in view of his duties to his university and his college, has found it necessary to resign his seat. His stay with us has not been long; but it has been long enough to make the Council appreciate the sterling qualities that have gained for him at Cambridge the high esteem of his academic and professional colleagues. Sir Humphry Rolleston has also resigned his place as representing the Royal College of Physicians of London; but happily he leaves us no smallest room for regret, since he straightway and without an interval returns to us, *caelum non animum mutans*, as member for the University of Cambridge. We are as glad to have him with us in his new *avatar* as in his old. It will doubtless be the pleasure of the Council to reinstate him, after so momentary a hiatus, on the several committees he so effectively serves, and to "give him the wages of going on."

Irish Free State.

The Medical Act, 1926, of the Irish Free State has been continued from August 21st for successive periods of one month, and still by its operation maintains the previous arrangement by which the Medical Acts of this country are made applicable to Southern Ireland. I am informed that conferences have taken place between the Privy Council and other Government departments in this country, together with representatives of the Free State Government, on the question of our future medical relations. As a result proposals have been formulated for an amicable agreement between the Governments concerned. This agreement, if duly adopted and ratified, gives promise of a practicable *modus vivendi* which may be generally acceptable. Probably a further conference will be necessary for its final adjustment. But it must be ratified before the Free State Medical Act expires in February, or new legislation will be required.

New Brunswick.

The Lord President was pleased to bring before His Majesty in Council the representations of the Executive Committee regarding a recent change of the law in New Brunswick, to which I made reference in June. These representations have been judged to be well founded, and accordingly an Order in Council, dated November 5th, 1926, has been issued, declaring that New Brunswick no

ST. PAUL'S HOSPITAL FOR SKIN AND GENITO-URINARY DISEASES, Endell Street, W.C.—*Physician:* Nathan Mutch, M.D., F.R.C.P. *Physician in charge of Skin Department:* William J. O'Donovan, O.B.E., M.D., M.R.C.P. *Gynaecologist:* Frank Cook, M.B., F.R.C.S.

CERTIFYING FACTORY SURGEONS.—J. W. Jago, M.B., Ch.B.Shef., for the Evam District, co. Derby; F. B. Winfield, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., for the Birmingham, West, District, co. Warwick.

DIARY OF SOCIETIES AND LECTURES.

ROYAL SOCIETY OF MEDICINE.

Section of Odontology.—Mon., 8 p.m., Dr. E. W. Fish: The Lymph Supply of Enamel and Dentine. Discussion.

Section of Medicine.—Tues., 5 p.m., Discussion: The Diagnosis and Treatment of Colitis; to be opened by Dr. A. F. Hurst, followed by Dr. Wilfrid Edgecombe and Professor L. S. Dudgeon.

Section of Comparative Medicine.—Wed., 5 p.m., Dr. H. H. Scott: Tuberculosis in Captive Wild Animals as compared and contrasted with the Disease in Man.

Section of Balneology and Climatology.—Thurs., 5.30 p.m., Presidential Address by Dr. R. Ackerley: The Spa Doctor's Contribution to the Improvement of National Health. The annual dinner of the Section will be held at the Café Royal at 7.30.

Section of Urology.—Thurs., 8.30 p.m., Clinical Pathological Meeting. Specimens will be on view from the afternoon of Wednesday, November 24th.

Section for the Study of Disease in Children.—Fri., 4.30 p.m., Cases.

Section of Epidemiology and State Medicine.—Fri., 8 p.m., Dr. G. F. Buchan: The Hospital in relation to the Public Health.

MEDICAL SOCIETY OF LONDON, 11, Chandos Street, W.1.—Mon., 8.30 p.m., Discussion: Recent Advances in the Treatment and Diagnosis of Bronchiectasis; to be introduced by Dr. Clive Riviere and Mr. J. E. H. Roberts.

ST. JOHN'S HOSPITAL DERMATOLOGICAL SOCIETY (incorporating the London Dermatological Society), St. John's Hospital, Leicester Square, W.C.2.—Wed., 4.15 p.m., Clinical cases.

POST-GRADUATE COURSES AND LECTURES.

FELLOWSHIP OF MEDICINE AND POST-GRADUATE MEDICAL ASSOCIATION, 1, Wimpole Street, W.1.—Special lecture at the Medical Society of London, 11, Chandos Street, W., Thurs., 5 p.m.: The Emergencies of Pregnancy and Parturition. Free to medical practitioners. *St. Mark's Hospital*, City Road: Tues., 11 a.m., Radiological Investigation of the Colon and Rectum. Free to medical practitioners. Week's comprehensive course. *Royal London Ophthalmic Hospital*, City Road: Wed., 12 noon, Clinical Demonstration. Free to members of the medical profession. *Royal Waterloo Hospital*, Waterloo Road, S.E.: Special Course in Medicine, Surgery, and Gynaecology. *St. John's Hospital*, Leicester Square, W.C.: Special Course in Dermatology. Practical demonstrations in Pathology if desired. *West End Hospital for Nervous Diseases*, 73, Welbeck Street: Late Afternoon Course (5 p.m.); demonstrations upon selected cases. Copies of the syllabuses of the above courses and information on post-graduate work generally may be obtained from the Secretary of the Fellowship.

CENTRAL LONDON THROAT, NOSE AND EAR HOSPITAL, Gray's Inn Road, W.C.1.—Fri., 4 p.m., Diagnosis of Sinus Disease.

HOSPITAL FOR SICK CHILDREN, Great Ormond Street, W.C.1.—Thurs., 4 p.m., Coxa Vara.

JAMES MACKENZIE INSTITUTE FOR CLINICAL RESEARCH, St. Andrews.—Tues., 4 p.m., Diabetic Coma.

LONDON SCHOOL OF DERMATOLOGY, St. John's Hospital, Leicester Square, W.C.2.—Chesterfield Lectures: Tues., 5 p.m., Diseases due to Fungi. Thurs., 5 p.m., Tuberculosis Cutis.

NATIONAL HOSPITAL, Queen Square, W.C.1.—Mon., Tues., Thurs., and Fri., 2 p.m., Out-patient Clinics. Mon. and Fri., 3.30 p.m., Demonstration of Re-educative Methods in Exercise Room. Mon., 12 noon, Pathology of the Nervous System. Tues., 12 noon, Anatomy and Physiology of the Nervous System; 3.30 p.m., Cranio-cerebral Topography. Thurs., 3.30 p.m., Cerebral Disturbances of Vision. Operations: Tues. and Fri., 9 a.m.

NORTH-EAST LONDON POST-GRADUATE COLLEGE, Prince of Wales's General Hospital, Tottenham, N.15.—Mon., 10 a.m., Surgical Clinic; 2.30 to 5 p.m., Medical, Surgical, and Gynaecological Clinics; Operations. Tues., 2.30 to 5 p.m., Medical, Surgical, Throat, Nose, and Ear Clinics; Operations. Wed., 2.30 p.m., Special Demonstration of Eye Cases; 2.30 to 5 p.m., Medical Skin and Eye Clinics: Operations. Thurs., 11.30 a.m., Dental Clinic; 2.30 to 5 p.m., Medical, Surgical, and Ear, Nose, and Throat Clinics; Operations. Fri., 10.30 a.m., Throat, Nose, and Ear Clinic; 2.30 p.m., Special Demonstration of Medical Cases; 2.30 to 5 p.m., Surgical, Medical, and Children's Diseases Clinics: Operations.

POST-GRADUATE HOSTEL, Imperial Hotel, Russell Square, W.C.1.—Mon., 9 p.m., Gastro-enterostomy: Its Role and Ultimate Results. Thurs., 9 p.m., Symposium: Cerebral Localization in the Clinical Subject.

ROYAL INSTITUTE OF PUBLIC HEALTH, 37, Russell Square, W.C.1.—Wed., 4 p.m., From Heliotherapy to Heliohygiene.

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON.—At University College Hospital Medical School. Tues., 5 p.m., Geoffrey E. Duveen Lectures in Otology: Mastoid Operation.

WEST LONDON HOSPITAL POST-GRADUATE COLLEGE, Hammersmith, W.6.—Mon., 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Genito-urinary Operations, Skin Department, Surgical Ward Visit, Demonstration of Fractures; 2 p.m., Surgical Wards, Gynaecological and Eye Departments. Tues., 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Lecture on Clinical Methods, Demonstrations in Venereal Diseases and Chest Cases; 2 p.m., Medical Wards, Throat, Nose, and Ear Department. Wed., 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Children's Medical Out-patients, Medical Wards, Demonstration in Medical Pathology; 2 p.m., Surgical Wards, Eye Department. Thurs., 10 a.m., Neurological Department; 2 p.m., Eye and Genito-urinary Departments; 3 p.m., Gynaecological Wards. Fri., 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Gynaecological Operations, Skin, Dental and Electrical Departments, Lecture on Modern Methods in Medicine; 2 p.m., Throat, Nose, and Ear Department. Sat., 9.30 a.m. to 1 p.m., Bacterial Therapy and Children's Departments, Throat, Nose, and Ear Operations. Daily at 2 p.m., Medical and Surgical Out-patients and Operations.

GLASGOW POST-GRADUATE MEDICAL ASSOCIATION.—At Royal Maternity and Women's Hospital, Wed., 4.15 p.m., Obstetrical Cases.

MANCHESTER: ANCOATS HOSPITAL.—Thurs., 4.15 p.m., Practical Demonstration of Tonsillectomy. Tea at 3.45 p.m.

MANCHESTER ROYAL INFIRMARY.—Tues., 4.15 p.m., Radiology in relation to Medicine, particularly to Compensation Work. Fri., 4.15 p.m., Adaptability in Disease.

SHEFFIELD UNIVERSITY POST-GRADUATE CLINICS.—At Royal Infirmary: Fri., 3.30 p.m., Septic Infections of the Hand.

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Diary of the Association.

NOVEMBER.

23 Tues. Croydon Division: Croydon General Hospital. Mr. Gwynne Williams on Surgical Emergencies of General Practice, 8.30 p.m.

24 Wed. London: Medico-Political Committee, 2.30 p.m.
Bath and Bristol Branch: Bath.
Marylebone Division: 11, Chandos Street, W. Discussion on Life Assurance; to be opened by Mr. W. McAdam Eccles, 8.15 p.m
Norfolk Branch: Norfolk and Norwich Hospital. Dr. A. J. Cleveland on Diagnosis and Treatment of Gastric Disorders, 3 p.m.
North Middlesex Division: Southgate Council Offices, Palmers Green. Discussion on Pyorrhoea, 3.30 p.m.
Oxford Division: Annual Meeting, Radcliffe Infirmary, 2.45 p.m.
Rochdale Division: Education Offices, Baillie Street. Dr. T. H. Oliver on Diabetes, 8.30 p.m.
Salisbury Division: Salisbury Infirmary, 4.30 p.m.

25 Thurs. London: Medical Students and Newly Qualified Subcommittee, 2.30 p.m.
Dundee Branch: University College, Dundee. B.M.A. Lecture by Professor D. Murray Lyon on the Value of Basal Metabolic Rate Estimations in Clinical Work, 4.15 p.m.
Nuneaton and Tamworth Division: Tamworth General Hospital. Dr. L. G. Parsons on Some Problems of Nephritis in Children, 3.30 p.m.
Portsmouth Division: Clinical Meeting Royal Portsmouth Hospital, 3 p.m.
South Midland Branch: General Hospital, Northampton. Mr. W. Salisbury on Uterine Haemorrhage, 2.45 p.m.
Staffordshire Branch: North Staffordshire Hotel, Stoke-on-Trent, 4 p.m. Dinner 6.30.
Sunderland Division: Annual Address, Royal Infirmary. Mr. G. Grey Turner on Thoroughness in Surgery. Annual Dinner, Palatine Hotel, Sunderland, 7 for 7.15 p.m.
Swansea Division: General Hospital, Swansea. Discussion on Goitre, 8.15 p.m.
Westminster and Holborn Division: Romano's Restaurant, Strand. Discussion on the Surgical Treatment of Paralysis of Face and Vocal Cords; to be opened by Sir Charles Ballance, 8.45 p.m. Dinner, 7.30.

26 Fri. London: Public Education in Health Subcommittee, 12 noon.
London: Public Health Committee, 2.30 p.m.
Banff, Moray, and Nairn Division: Gordon Arms Hotel, Elgin. B.M.A. Lecture by Professor D. P. D. Wilkie on Pain on the Right Side of the Abdomen, 6 p.m. Annual Dinner, 7.45.
Bishop Auckland Division: Cottage Hospital, Bishop Auckland. Mr. Hindmarsh on Hyperthyroidism, 8 p.m
Hendon Division: Hendon Cottage Hospital. Mr. Norman C. Lake on American Surgery, 8.30 p.m.
Hyde Division: Dance, Hyde Town Hall.

DECEMBER.

1 Wed. London: Special Building Committee, 11 a.m.
London: Finance Committee, 2.30 p.m.
Sunderland Division: Clinical Evening, Monkwearmouth Hospital, 7.30 p.m.
Huddersfield Division: Medical Dance, Royal Infirmary, 9 p.m. Bridge Drive, 9.15.
Woolwich Division: Royal Herbert Hospital. Lieut.-Colonel Macarthur on Old-time Plague in Britain, 8.30 p.m.

15 Wed. London: **Council**, 10 a.m.

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, AND DEATHS.

The charge for inserting announcement of Births, Marriages, and Deaths is 9s., which sum should be forwarded with the notice not later than the first post on Tuesday morning, in order to ensure insertion in the current issue.

MARRIAGE.

DUNN—SMYTH.—On November 11th, 1926, by special licence, at the home of the bride's parents, by Rev. J. Thompson, D.D., assisted by Rev. J. Connell, B.A., William James Dunn, M.B., B.Ch., 1, Piccadilly Road, Burnley, Lancs, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Dunn, Bready, Strabane, co. Tyrone, to Essie Stuart Smyth, B.A., M.B., youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Smyth, Bella Vista, Drumahoe, Londonderry.

DEATHS.

DAW.—On November 14th, at Watervale, Lydford, Surgeon-Commander W. H. Daw, R.N.(ret.), M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., L.S.A., dearly beloved husband of Gertrude C. Daw. Funeral took place at Tavistock Parish Church on Wednesday. Bristol, London, and Colonial papers please copy.

LANE.—At 20, Leagrave Road, Luton, on November 7th, Leo Lane, L.R.C.P.Ed., L.R.F.P.S.Glas., aged 47.

SMITH.—On November 1st, 1926, All Saints' Day, at 127, Lower Clapton Road, London, E.5, Roland Smith, M.R.C.S.Eng., L.S.A., J.P., in his 76th year. Resident Medical Officer, Senior House-Physician, and House-Surgeon, London Hospital, 1875.

WILLIAMS.—Suddenly, at Banstead, Surrey, on October 31st, Charles Louis Williams, M.D.Edin., M.R.C.S., D.P.H., Major I.M.S.(ret.), beloved husband of Charlotte Anne Williams.

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MEDICAL ASSOCIATION OF SOUTH AFRICA (BRITISH MEDICAL ASSOCIATION).

Federal Council.

Summarized minutes of meetings of the Federal Council, held on October 5th and 9th at Pretoria, have now reached headquarters in London.

Dr. A. J. Orenstein presided, and twenty-two members were present. The following officers were elected for the triennial period: *President*, Dr. A. J. Orenstein; *Vice-President*, Mr. T. Lindsay Sandes; *Honorary Treasurer*, Dr. Alice Cox. The President referred to the severe loss which the profession, and the Federal Council in particular, had suffered since the last meeting by the deaths of Drs. James Erlank, A. Reith Fraser, and W. Howell Davies. A vote of condolence was passed by all members standing in silence.

Incorporation of New Association.

The President reported on the authority received from London approving the change of name of the Association and the amalgamation of the South African Medical Association. The Articles of Association, which had been drafted by the solicitors, were laid on the table. The President explained the reasons for seeking incorporation under the Companies Act. It was resolved that the Memorandum and Articles of Association be printed and circulated in draft form to all Branches, with the request that formal approval or otherwise be signified within thirty days of receipt of the draft.

On representation from the Cape, it was resolved to approve the Cape of Good Hope (Western Province) Branch being renamed the "Cape Western Branch," and it was resolved to recommend that other Branches in the Cape should adopt the same style of title.

Authority was granted for the formation of new Divisions at Queenstown and Potchefstroom.

The draft rules of the Federal Council were approved, with an amendment that a quorum at meetings shall be seven members, who must be representative of at least three Branches.

Committees: Journal.

The following constitute the Executive Committee: the President and Vice-President (*ex officio*), and three elected members—Sir F. Spencer Lister, Sir Edward N. Thornton, and Dr. S. M. de Kock. The following constitute the Central Ethical Committee: the President and Vice-President, and five elected members—Drs. F. H. Napier, M. G. Pearson, Charles Porter, T. J. Roos Scholtz, and J. S. du Toit. A subcommittee of Pretoria Branch members was appointed to interview the Minister of Justice in regard to district surgeons' grievances, and the Witwatersrand Branch members of the Federal Council were appointed a subcommittee to deal with suggestions regarding these appointments.

The Federal Council resolved to inaugurate an official journal of the Medical Association of South Africa as from January 1st, 1927. Drs. Darley Hartley and C. L. Leipoldt were appointed joint editors, and Dr. Darley Hartley business manager. Dr. Leipoldt was also appointed Organizing Medical Secretary as from January 1st, 1928. Detailed arrangements are in the hands of members of council from the Cape Western Branch.

Miscellaneous Business.

A suggestion was received from the Cape Western Branch that medical appointments should be advertised in local medical journals, giving full particulars, instead of in the *Government Gazette* and overseas medical journals only. It was resolved to communicate with the Minister of the Interior and the Minister of Public Health requesting that such advertisements should be published in the official journal of the Association.

It was resolved to urge the Government to reconsider its decision in regard to the adoption of the Hospital Commission's report and the taking over of hospitals under Union control.

Group Insurance.—It was resolved to accept the offer of a certain insurance company for all classes of insurance, and to issue a circular letter in this connexion to all Branches at an early date.

Dr. Clegg and another member to be appointed by the Natal Coastal Branch were nominated to represent the Federal Council on the South African National Council for Child Welfare.

It was resolved that the Minister of Health be asked to consider consulting the Federal Council before taking steps on any matter which affects the medical profession.

With certain alterations, the ethical rules were adopted, and it was resolved to have them printed and circulated to Branches forthwith. It was resolved that the Federal Council circularize Branches, asking them to adopt a rule that members who profess to be specialists should confine their practice to their specialty.

It was resolved that the next South African Congress be held at Bloemfontein during April, 1928.

It was resolved that the advisability of tarring all roads in urban areas, or otherwise allaying the dust, in the interest of public health and comfort, be urged on all provincial and local authorities. A copy of this resolution to be communicated to the lay press as well as to the provincial administrators.

Before the conclusion of the meeting Sir Spencer Lister voiced the congratulations of members present to Dr. A. J. Orenstein on his appointment as President. He considered the profession gained very much by having a President *au fait* with everything going on and thoroughly acquainted with the matters under discussion. The motion was carried with applause, and Dr. Orenstein replied.

Association Notices.

BRANCH AND DIVISION MEETINGS TO BE HELD.

Birmingham Branch: Coventry Division.—A meeting of the Coventry Division will be held on Tuesday, December 7th, when Dr. P. C. Cloake will read a paper on endocrine therapy.

Border Counties Branch: Dumfries and Galloway Division.—A meeting of the Division will be held in the Royal Infirmary, Dumfries, on Thursday, December 2nd, at 3 p.m., when Professor Hume of Newcastle-on-Tyne will deliver a British Medical Association Lecture on the recognition and treatment of cardiac arrhythmia, illustrated with lantern slides. Tea will be provided.

Dorset and West Hants Branch: Bournemouth Division.—A general meeting of the Bournemouth Division will be held, in conjunction with the Bournemouth Legal Society, in St. Peter's Small Hall on Friday, December 3rd, at 8.15 p.m., when a discussion on criminal responsibility will be opened by Dr. Hyla Greeves for the medical profession, followed by Mr. L. G. Lefroy for the legal profession; several members of both societies have promised to take part. It is hoped that as many members of the Division as possible will be present. Coffee will be served at 8 p.m.

Essex Branch: Mid-Essex Division.—The general meeting of the Mid-Essex Division arranged for November 12th had to be postponed. It will be held in the Board Room, Chelmsford Hospital, on Friday, December 17th, at 3 p.m. Agenda: Report on scale of minimum commencing salaries for public health medical officers, and recommendation to adopt resolution under Ethical Rules; question of appointing a consultant for cases of puerperal pyrexia presenting difficulties; demonstration of *x*-ray photographs by Dr. L. M. Billington, radiologist to the Chelmsford Hospital. An executive meeting will be held at 2.45 p.m., immediately prior to the general meeting.

Kent Branch: Tunbridge Wells Division.—The annual dinner of the Tunbridge Wells Division will be held at the Wellington Hotel on Thursday, December 9th, at 7.45 p.m. Tickets, 10s. 6d. each; double tickets (lady and gentleman), 20s. Application should be made as soon as possible, accompanied by remittance, but not later than December 7th, to the honorary secretary, Dr. D. Davies, 8, Lonsdale Gardens, Tunbridge Wells. Private (medical) guests may be invited.

Lancashire and Cheshire Branch.—The second annual dinner of the Lancashire and Cheshire Branch will be held in Liverpool at the Exchange Hotel on Wednesday, December 8th, at 7.15 p.m. Members may invite guests (male, or medical women only). The price of the tickets will probably be 15s. each. It will be a great help to the Dinner Committee in making arrangements if members proposing to attend will notify the honorary secretary, Dr. A. Corsar Sturrock, 24, London Road, Manchester.

Lancashire and Cheshire Branch: Hyde Division.—The following programme of meetings has been arranged by the Hyde Division for 1926-27:

Dec.	2nd.	Address by Mr. A. H. Burgess, F.R.C.S. (Manchester), in Dukinfield Town Hall at 8.30 p.m.
Jan.	—	Medico-legal paper.
Feb.	24th.	Address by Dr. F. Craven Moore (Manchester), in Stalybridge Town Hall at 8.30 p.m.
March	17th.	Presidential address by Dr. Robertson in Dukinfield Town Hall at 8.30 p.m.
May	19th.	Picnic to Castleton and Bamford at 11 a.m. Meet at Mottram Moor.
June	16th.	Annual meeting in Hyde Town Hall at 4 p.m.

Metropolitan Counties Branch: City Division.—The annual dinner of the City Division will be held at the Trocadero Restaurant at 7.30 p.m. on December 2nd. Tickets (12s. 6d.) can be obtained from the chairman, Dr. Harold Latham, 2, Hemingford Road, Barnsbury, or from the secretary. A meeting of the Division will be held at the Metropolitan Hospital, Kingsland Road, E., on Tuesday, December 7th, when Mr. W. E. Miles, F.R.C.S., will read a paper on ano-rectal fistula.

Metropolitan Counties Branch: Hampstead Division.—At the meeting of the Hampstead Division to be held on Thursday, December 9th, Sir Leonard Rogers, C.B.E., physician to the London School of Tropical Medicine, will read a paper on "Climate and the incidence of leprosy, tuberculosis, pneumonia, small-pox, and plague in India."

Metropolitan Counties Branch: Hendon Division.—The next clinical meeting of the Hendon Division will be held at the Hendon Cottage Hospital to-day (Friday, November 26th), at 8.30 p.m.

longer affords to the registered medical practitioners of the United Kingdom such privileges of practising in the Province as to His Majesty seem just. The Order of October 4th, 1913, by which reciprocity with New Brunswick was established, is therefore revoked, and medical diplomas and degrees hereafter granted in the Province will not be registrable in the Colonial List.

The British Pharmacopoeia.

The Lord President has further acceded to the request of the Council, formulated on June 4th, 1926, and has taken steps for the appointment of a small committee, on which the Council is represented, with power to make inquiries, to collect information, to receive evidence, and to make recommendations, on the question whether it is desirable to make any, and if so what, alterations in the existing law or practice relating to the preparation or publication of the *British Pharmacopoeia* and to its adaptation to the requirements of the British Empire. I have grounds for stating that this committee is at present engaged in making inquiries and collecting information bearing on the subject of its reference.

Dangerous Drugs and other Poisons.

Another committee, appointed by the Lord President, is sitting to consider the whole question of the scope and administration of the Poisons and Pharmacy Acts, and the regulations made thereunder, so far as poisons other than "dangerous drugs" are concerned. On the nomination of the Executive Committee I have been appointed a member, and have arranged to take part for the present in the committee's inquiries and deliberations, which are now proceeding.

The Secretary of State for the Home Department is authorized by the Dangerous Drugs Acts Regulations to refer the question whether a particular duly qualified medical practitioner is supplying, administering, or prescribing "dangerous drugs," for himself or others (otherwise than as required for medical treatment), to a tribunal of three practitioners in England and three in Scotland respectively, one of whom is to be nominated on behalf of this Council in each case. As speedy nominations were requested, the Executive Committee proposed Sir Humphry Rolleston for England and Dr. Ashley Mackintosh for Scotland, and by invitation sent up also the names of certain other members of the Council, empowered to act on the respective tribunals in the absence of those first named. The members proposed have agreed to act, and have been duly approved by the Secretary of State.

Visitation of Indian Universities.

The Secretary of State for India in Council, with the active concurrence of the Government of India and of the provincial authorities concerned, has now formally invited Sir Norman Walker and Colonel Needham to revisit India for a tour of visitation and inspection of the courses of study and examination required for university medical degrees in that country, and to make reports thereon to the Secretary of State and to this Council. Colonel Needham generously consented to interrupt his home leave for the purpose of accompanying Sir Norman, and of resuming duty in India as official inspector, at the end of October. An accidental illness, now happily surmounted, prevented Sir Norman Walker from sailing with him in October; but by arrangement with the India Office Colonel Needham then proceeded alone to Bombay, and Sir Norman will join him in December. The opportunities for observation, consultation, and conference now offered to the visitors by the university and other authorities of India will assuredly prove of essential service to the cause of medical education in India. To the Council in particular, as the body whose recognition of Indian medical diplomas, for purposes of registration at home, is by law equivalent to a guarantee of their sufficiency for efficient practice in medicine, surgery, and midwifery beyond the limits of India, the visitors' reports will be of primary importance and value. The good wishes of the Council for a prosperous journey and a safe return will go with the envoys on their educational mission. The Executive Committee has agreed to postpone decision on certain outstanding questions concerning Indian qualifications until their reports are received and discussed with them.

Visitation of other Eastern Universities.

It is of interest to note that in other parts of the empire a desire is manifested for similar visits by representatives of the Council. The Governments of the Straits Settlements and Federated Malay States have, through the Colonial Office, forwarded a cordial invitation to Sir Norman Walker and Colonel Needham to extend their tour to Singapore as official guests. The Deputy Governor writes that he is "advised that an inspection of the King Edward VII College of Medicine, Singapore (whose diplomas are already 'recognized'), by the representatives of the General Medical Council, would be of much service, and that a similar opportunity may not occur again for many years." The Executive Committee is of opinion that this spontaneous invitation should be cordially acknowledged, and has placed it in Sir Norman's hands to accept in case he or his colleague find it practicable to extend their journey to Singapore. A similar invitation to our representatives to visit Ceylon Medical College on this occasion has, for local reasons, had to be cancelled.

Visits to Dominion Medical Schools.

Sir Edward Coey Bigger has, during the autumn, been travelling in Canada, Australia, and New Zealand as a member of the Empire Parliamentary Delegation. He was provided with introductions, as a member of this Council, to a number of the medical authorities in these dominions. Though his stay at any one centre was perforce brief, I gather from his letters, and from those sent me by presidents, deans, and others, that his visits were everywhere welcomed, and that he was put in possession of information respecting curricula, examinations, etc., which cannot fail to be of interest and value to the Council. He was able also, while the guest of the Governor of Ceylon, to visit its Medical College, and to inform himself regarding its activities.

These experiences suggest that, as communications—aerial, marine, and terrestrial—are gradually improved, the time may come when it will be feasible, as beyond question it would be mutually beneficial, to organize frequent and regular, rather than rare and occasional, visits to professional bodies overseas, who are occupied, like us, with problems of medical education and registration in distant parts of the empire.

Business of the Session.

The November session, as is usual, will be chiefly occupied by judicial inquiries; but the Examination Committee and the Education Committee have been actively engaged during the recess in gathering information respecting the methods and standards of professional examination employed by the licensing bodies, and in ascertaining the extent to which the new medical curriculum is being brought into operation in the United Kingdom. They may think it expedient to present separate interim reports for the information of the Council on these subjects. The spheres of the two committees, however, include much common ground, and I understand that a joint conference may be proposed, for the co-ordination of their views and experience, before definitive reports are submitted to you.

As on previous occasions, the Executive Committee has arranged that disciplinary and other reports from the Dental Board, and reports from the Dental Education and Examination Committee, shall be taken before other business, in order that the dental members of the Council may be liberated the sooner, if they desire to resume their duties elsewhere.

So far as can be foreseen, the work before us can be satisfactorily compassed before Saturday of this week.

Dr. RUSSELL proposed and Sir NORMAN WALKER seconded a vote of thanks to the President for his address, and this was accorded by acclamation.

Glasgow and West of Scotland Branch.

Clinical Meeting and Dinner.

By the courtesy of the medical officer of health and the medical superintendent, the autumn clinical meeting of the Glasgow and West of Scotland Branch was held in Ruchill Fever Hospital and Sanatorium on November 11th. Over a hundred members attended. After tea the company was divided into small groups and demonstrations were given by members of the hospital staff, illustrating the Schultz-Charlton intradermic serum test for scarlet fever, the serum treatment of severe toxic scarlet fever, and the advantage of operation for diseased tonsils and adenoids in the treatment of otitis media. Regarding the infectivity of the desquamating skin, statistics were adduced to show that return cases were not more frequent after only a four weeks' residence than after a six weeks' stay with desquamation completed. A few cases showing the Parkinsonian syndrome after lethargic encephalitis were also shown. In the sanatorium the apparatus for inducing artificial pneumothorax was demonstrated, and there was displayed a series of about a hundred radiograms (with notes) illustrating the various stages in tuberculosis of the lungs and also bronchiectasis, fibrosis, tumours, and other conditions which were sent to hospital with another diagnosis.

In the evening the annual dinner of the Branch was held under the chairmanship of the President, Dr. J. P. Brown of Campbeltown. The guests were Dr. McGregor, medical officer of health, Dr. Elliott, superintendent of Ruchill Hospital, Dr. John Stevens, secretary of the Edinburgh Branch, and Dr. J. R. Drever, Scottish Medical Secretary. The Chairman gave the toast of "The Guests," which was responded to by Dr. Stevens in a felicitous speech. The toast of "The Branch" was proposed by the Medical Officer of Health, who drew attention to the 780 new graduates of Glasgow University who had been secured for the Association since 1922. He also commented on the change of policy of the Association which was evident in the scientific work that was being done in connexion with puerperal mortality and rheumatic heart disease in children. Dr. J. G. McCutcheon, the honorary secretary of the Branch, replied in a racy speech, and explained that the results obtained were due to good team work. Songs by Mrs. F. W. Martin and Dr. J. Wallace Anderson, and the reciting of an original poem by Dr. John Fergus, added to the entertainment of a successful evening.

Gloucestershire Branch.

The concluding meeting of the Gloucestershire Branch for the session 1925-26 was held at the Royal Infirmary, Gloucester, on October 14th, with Mr. Arnold Alcock, President, in the chair.

The President demonstrated a case after tubular skin grafting. A boy of 4 years, after extensive burns of the upper part of the body, which suppurated, was left with the chin bound down to the chest wall by a dense band of scar tissue. Photographs were shown of the condition at this stage. Excision of the scar tissue and Thiersch grafting was unsuccessful, as subsequent contraction took place. A tubular graft was taken from the abdomen and applied to the neck by four-stage operation. The result was very successful.

Mr. Firmin Cuthbert showed: (1) a child with stiff leg in whom poliomyelitis was regarded as the most probable diagnosis, and (2) a child after operation for congenital pyloric stenosis. He also demonstrated bottled specimens of the latter condition, and in addition specimens of mesenteric cyst, and ovary in hernial sac.

The President referred to the fact that as Mr. Cuthbert was retiring from active practice, it was probable that this was the last meeting at which he would show cases. It was very difficult to think of these meetings without Mr. Cuthbert. He had been so regular in his attendance, and so assiduous in his interest during his forty-two years of membership of the Branch, that it was impossible to realize what this deprivation meant for their meetings. The President remarked that, to his mind, the first outstanding quality of Mr. Cuthbert was his encyclopaedic knowledge of surgery. This was well recognized by all who attended these meetings. He (Mr. Alcock) was personally under a debt of gratitude for much that had been learned from him. Mr. Cuthbert also had untiring energy: he paid remarkable attention to detail, and he never seemed to be in a hurry. However busy he might be, he was always willing to do all he could to help a colleague. With these qualities he combined an extraordinary memory and extraordinary persistence. The President, in the name of the Branch, wished Mr. Cuthbert every happiness and good health in his retirement from practice. Mr. Cuthbert's reply was postponed till after supper, when his health was proposed by Mr. Howell.

The remainder of the meeting was given up to hearing the reports of the representatives to the Annual Representative Meeting—Dr. David Clow and Dr. J. Middleton Martin.

Dr. Clow dealt in considerable detail with the business done at the meeting. He made special mention of the work of Dr. Alfred Cox in developing the imperial idea in medicine, binding together the colonies and the mother country. He reported the action he had taken on various questions, and registered his surprise and regret that the resolution on psycho-analysis had been passed. On all the medico-political and other matters with which he dealt Dr. Clow's faculty for separating the grain from the chaff, and his happy gift of lucid exposition, made his report most interesting as well as valuable.

Dr. Martin gave his general impressions of the Annual Representative Meeting, this being his first attendance. He was much impressed by the efficiency with which the meeting was conducted in all respects, and with the great volume of work which was got through by the delegates. He made a special appeal for the Benevolent Fund, pointing out how inadequately it was supported by the general body of members. In response to his request a resolution was passed requesting the Council to call a meeting to instruct the representatives before the next Annual Representative Meeting.

Dr. Clow and Dr. Martin were heartily thanked for their services and reports.

Jamaica Branch.

The annual general meeting of the Jamaica Branch was held in the Jubilee Hospital, Kingston, on October 21st, with Dr. Gifford, President, in the chair.

On the motion of Dr. Armstrong, seconded by Dr. L. M. Clark, the financial statement was received and directed to be placed in the minutes. Dr. Gifford, in his presidential address, summed up the activities of the Branch for the year. A vote of thanks for his address and for his conduct as president was unanimously passed. Drs. Ritchie and L. M. Clark were appointed censors of the returns for the election of office-bearers, and reported the following to be duly elected:

President, Dr. M. Grabham (Kingston). *President-Elect*, Dr. C. A. H. Thomson. *Secretary*, Dr. G. C. Strathairn.

Dr. Grabham then took the chair.

On the motion of Dr. L. M. Clark, seconded by Dr. Vine, it was unanimously resolved:

> That any medical practitioner in Jamaica be eligible for membership of the Branch.

The Secretary pointed out that ten days' notice to every member was required by the rules, and stated that he would arrange accordingly.

Dr. Michael Grabham read two papers—one on racial differences in pelves, the other on a penetrating wound of the eye by a wasp.

The proceedings terminated with a vote of thanks to the President for his two papers.

North of England Branch: Darlington Division.

The annual dinner of the Darlington Division was held in the Imperial Hotel, Darlington, on November 16th. Dr. C. J. Kirk presided, and a total company of forty-five sat down. Sir Robert Bolam and Dr. James Hudson from Newcastle were the guests of the evening, and delighted the Division by speaking to the toasts of "Our Guests" and "The Profession of Medicine" respectively. Speeches were of a high order of eloquence, and several enjoyable songs went to complete a very happy evening.

North of England Branch: Hartlepools Division.

A meeting of the Hartlepools Division was held on November 11th, when the chairman, Dr. W. N. Rishworth, *M.C.*, presided.

Mr. J. Hamilton Barclay, F.R.C.S. (Newcastle-on-Tyne), in an address on ruptured gastric and duodenal ulcers, dealt with the frequency, cause, relation to age and sex, symptoms and signs, and treatment. Particular stress was laid on the diagnosis of the condition from the history of the attack, especially its onset, and from the symptoms and signs. The differential diagnosis was considered. The question of simple suture of the perforation or suture together with gastro-enterostomy was discussed. The importance of early diagnosis and operation was stressed, and figures were given showing the effect of time (between perforation and operation) on the mortality. Specimens of perforated gastric and duodenal ulcers were shown and an interesting and free discussion followed.

Northern Counties of Scotland Branch.

A meeting of the Northern Counties of Scotland Branch was held in the Northern Infirmary on November 12th, when the President, Dr. E. K. Mackenzie, was in the chair. A clinical demonstration was given by the surgical members of the staff of the Infirmary. Mr. Dickie first demonstrated seven or eight cases of goitre, mostly exophthalmic, which he had operated on, and thereafter cases of swelling in the neck (staphylococcic abscess of dental origin, actinomycetic abscess, and post-pharyngeal tuberculous abscess) on patients. Dr. Gillies read a paper on the acute abdomen. After each had spoken considerable discussion was taken part in by other members present. Tea was served by the hospital nursing staff.

Southern Branch: Portsmouth Division.

A very successful meeting of the Portsmouth Division was held at the Queen's Hotel, Southsea, on November 11th, when Dr. Mearns Fraser was in the chair. Following upon the conclusion of the formal business, an address upon "Some common ailments of childhood and their treatment" was given by Dr. Robert Hutchison, physician to the London Hospital. The address covered a wide range of the disorders of childhood and was full of practical points of great value to the general practitioner. It was followed by a most interesting discussion, which was taken part in by Drs. Blackman, Bosworth Wright, Inman, Aston Key, Vizard, McAskie, Gittings, Revell, and Warren. The proceedings were brought to a conclusion with a very cordial vote of thanks to Dr. Hutchison, proposed by Dr. Lytle and seconded by Dr. C. Lamplough.

The total attendance at the meeting was 110, of whom 54 sat down to the supper, which was held as usual at 9 o'clock.

South-Western Branch: Torquay Division.

An ordinary meeting of the Torquay Division was held on November 10th in the Torbay Hospital, when Dr. W. A. D. King (Paignton) was in the chair.

In addition to routine business, an interesting discussion was held on the Public Health Regulations, 1926, Nos. 971 and 972,

Agenda: Receive report of representative; consider recommendation of Executive that the Division adopt a resolution in relation to the scale of minimum commencing salaries; address by Mr. Norman C. Lake, D.Sc., M.S., F.R.C.S., surgeon to Charing Cross Hospital, on recent experiences of American surgery.

METROPOLITAN COUNTIES BRANCH: LAMBETH AND SOUTHWARK DIVISION.—A meeting of the Lambeth and Southwark Division will be held on Wednesday, December 1st, at Lambeth Carlton Club, 376, Coldharbour Lane, S.W.9. Agenda: Report of Executive Committee as to the scale of minimum commencing salaries for public health medical officers, and recommendation to adopt resolution under Ethical Rules; report of representative, Dr. E. Henrietta Jebens; paper by Dr. Lloyd Jones on arthritis.

METROPOLITAN COUNTIES BRANCH: LEWISHAM DIVISION.—The following programme for 1926-27 has been arranged by the Lewisham Division:

Dec. 21st. Dr. R. Travers Smith: Functional Nervous Disorders of the Heart.
Jan. 18th. Mr. C. A. Joll, F.R.C.S.: The Diagnosis and Treatment of Diseases of the Gall Bladder and Bile Ducts.
Feb. 15th. Dr. Alfred Cox: The Medical Profession in South Africa.
March 15th. Clinical evening at the South-Eastern Children's Hospital, Sydenham.
May 17th. Annual meeting. Dr. Robert Knox: The Value of X Rays in Diagnosis. Lantern demonstration.
May 31st. Clinical evening at St John's Hospital, Lewisham.
June 21st. Dr. George Graham: The Treatment of Diabetes Mellitus.
June 26th. Motor trip in Kent and Surrey.

Meetings are to be held at 8.45 p.m. at the Town Hall, Catford, S.E.6, unless otherwise stated.

METROPOLITAN COUNTIES BRANCH: NORTH MIDDLESEX DIVISION.—The following programme of meetings has been arranged by the North Middlesex Division:

Jan. 26th. Discussion: Insulin; to be opened by Dr. G. Grant Macdonald.
Feb. 23rd. Mr. Reginald C. Holmes, M.R.C.V.S.: Some Diseases of interest to both Medical and Veterinary Professions.
March 30th. Dr. G. W. H. French: Differential Diagnosis of the Acute Abdomen.
April 27th. Dr. F. G. Crookshank: Regimen in Acute Disease.
May 25th. Annual meeting.
June 30th. Visit to shredded wheat factory, Welwyn Garden City (ladies invited).

METROPOLITAN COUNTIES BRANCH: ST. PANCRAS DIVISION.—A meeting of the St. Pancras Division will be held at the British Medical Association House, Tavistock Square, W.C.1, on Tuesday, December 14th, at 9 p.m. Dr. C. H. Andrewes will give an address on recent work on filter-passing viruses.

METROPOLITAN COUNTIES BRANCH: SOUTH MIDDLESEX DIVISION.—A meeting of the South Middlesex Division will be held at St. John's Hospital, Twickenham, on Wednesday, December 8th: 3.15 p.m., general business; 3.30 p.m., discussion on medico-legal points, to be opened by Dr. J. Crone, deputy coroner for West Middlesex. Tea will be provided.

METROPOLITAN COUNTIES BRANCH: SOUTH-WEST ESSEX DIVISION.—A meeting of the South-West Essex Division will be held in the Wesleyan Schoolrooms, High Road, Leyton (near Midland arch), on Tuesday, December 7th, at 3.30 p.m. Agenda: Report of Executive Committee as to the scale of minimum commencing salaries for public health medical officers and recommendation to adopt a resolution under Ethical Rules. At 4 o'clock Dr. A. E. Gow, assistant physician to St. Bartholomew's Hospital, will read a paper on infections of the urinary tract. Tea at 3.15.

METROPOLITAN COUNTIES BRANCH: WOOLWICH DIVISION.—A clinical meeting of the Woolwich Division will be held in the Cinema Hall of the Royal Herbert Hospital (by kind invitation of Colonel Hartigan and officers of the R.A.M.C.) on Wednesday, December 1st, at 8.30 p.m. Agenda:—Address by Lieut.-Colonel Macarthur, D.S.O.: Old-time plague in Britain; series of clinical demonstrations on hospital cases.

NORTH OF ENGLAND BRANCH: SUNDERLAND DIVISION.—A clinical evening will be held by the Sunderland Division at the Monkwearmouth Hospital on Wednesday, December 1st, at 7.30 p.m. All members are invited to be present.

NORTH WALES BRANCH: SOUTH CARNARVON AND MERIONETH DIVISION.—The next meeting of the South Carnarvon and Merioneth Division will be held in Portmadoc on Thursday, December 9th, when there will be a discussion on the report on rheumatic heart disease in children, to be opened by Dr. J. A. Davies, Towyn (see BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL SUPPLEMENT, July 3rd). Agenda will be circulated later.

NORTHERN COUNTIES OF SCOTLAND BRANCH.—The second of the clinical meetings of the Branch for this winter will be held in the Northern Infirmary, Inverness, on Friday, December 3rd, at 4 p.m., when the following will speak: (1) Dr. J. W. Mackenzie on nasal and aural discharges; (2) Dr. Alexander Reid on a few cases of rheumatoid arthritis; (3) Dr. D. Macfadyen on some cases of fracture seen in the last six months. Tea will be served at 5.30.

SOUTH-WESTERN BRANCH: EXETER DIVISION.—The next meeting of the Exeter Division will be held at the Devon Mental Hospital, Exminster, on Friday, December 10th. Dr. Eager will deliver a lecture on toxic exhaustion psychoses.

SUFFOLK BRANCH: NORTH SUFFOLK DIVISION.—A meeting of the North Suffolk Division will be held at the Lowestoft Hospital on Thursday, December 2nd, at 4 p.m. Agenda: Report of Executive Committee as to the scale of minimum commencing salaries for public health medical officers; consider (*a*) fees for mileage for witnesses attending coroners' inquests, (*b*) fees for mileage reports to the coroner; cases and specimens.

SURREY BRANCH: CROYDON DIVISION.—A meeting of the Croydon Division will be held at the Queen's Hotel, Upper Norwood, on Thursday, December 2nd, at 4 p.m. Dr. Ryle will read a paper on derangements of the gastric function.

SURREY BRANCH: GUILDFORD DIVISION.—A meeting of the Guildford Division will be held at the Royal Surrey County Hospital, Guildford, on Thursday, December 2nd, at 4 p.m. Sir James Berry will speak on the dyspnoea caused by goitre and its treatment. Tea will be served at 3.45 p.m.

SURREY BRANCH: REIGATE DIVISION.—At the meeting of the Reigate Division to be held at the East Surrey Hospital on Tuesday, December 14th, at 8.45 p.m., Dr. Hugh Barber will give an address on the treatment of some common diseases of the skin.

SUSSEX BRANCH: BRIGHTON DIVISION.—A meeting of the Brighton Division will be held at the Poor Law Infirmary on Thursday, December 16th, at 3.45 p.m.

SUSSEX BRANCH: HASTINGS DIVISION.—The annual dance will be held on Friday, December 10th, at 7.45 p.m., at the Albany Hotel, Hastings. Tickets (price 7s. 6d., including light refreshments) can be obtained from the honorary secretary (Dr. T. Reed) or any member of the committee.

YORKSHIRE BRANCH: DEWSBURY DIVISION.—A meeting of the Dewsbury Division will be held at the Batley and District Hospital on Tuesday, December 7th, by invitation of the medical staff.

YORKSHIRE BRANCH: HUDDERSFIELD DIVISION.—The medical dance will be held on Wednesday, December 1st, in the Royal Infirmary, from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.; reception, 8.45 p.m. For those who do not wish to dance, a bridge drive, commencing at 9.15 p.m., will be arranged. Tickets 7s. 6d.; admission by programme.

YORKSHIRE BRANCH: LEEDS DIVISION.—A meeting of the Leeds Division will be held in the Medical School, Thoresby Place, Leeds, on Thursday, December 2nd, at 8.15 p.m., when Dr. Herbert French will deliver a British Medical Association Lecture on a series of points of practical importance in treatment. All medical men in Leeds and district are invited. Under the auspices of the Division a dinner will be given to Sir Berkeley Moynihan, Bt., by the medical men in Leeds and district to show their appreciation of his election as President of the Royal College of Surgeons of England. All members of the medical profession in Leeds and neighbourhood are invited. The dinner will be held in the Queen's Hotel, Leeds, on Wednesday, December 8th, at 7.30 for 8 p.m. Tickets (12s.) may be obtained from Mr. Alfred Gough, F.R.C.S., 32, Park Square, Leeds.

YORKSHIRE BRANCH: SHEFFIELD DIVISION.—At a meeting of the Division to be held at the University, Sheffield, on Friday, December 10th, at 8.30 p.m., a British Medical Association Lecture will be delivered by Sir James Purves-Stewart, K.C.M.G., on hydrocephalus. The lecture will be illustrated by lantern slides and also by a cinema film.

YORKSHIRE BRANCH: WAKEFIELD, PONTEFRACT, AND CASTLEFORD DIVISION.—A meeting of the Wakefield, Pontefract, and Castleford Division will be held at the Bull Restaurant, Westgate, Wakefield, on Thursday, December 16th. Mr. H. Lee, ophthalmic surgeon, Leeds General Infirmary, will give a lecture on acute diseases of the eye. Supper at 7.45 p.m. (2s. 6d.) will precede the lecture.

Meetings of Branches and Divisions.

CEYLON BRANCH.

A MEETING of the Ceylon Branch was held in the Colonial Medical Library on March 10th. A vote of condolence was passed on the death of Dr. J. H. V. Mendis. Dr. A. RAJASINGHAM read a paper on "Are infants ever born with teeth?" which was followed by a discussion in which Drs. P. J. CHISSELL, S. MUTTIAH, H. M. PERIES, and LIONEL DE SILVA took part. Dr. I. DAVID read notes on a case of one-child sterility treated successfully by a new method. In the subsequent discussion Drs. A. RAJASINGHAM, P. J. CHISSELL, G. COOKE, and H. M. PERIES took part. Votes of thanks were accorded to the readers of the papers.

At the meeting of the Branch on May 12th, Dr. MAY DE LIVERA demonstrated two cases of ectopia vesicae, which were discussed by Drs. G. COOKE, A. RAJASINGHAM, G. S. SINNETAMBY, and LUCIAN DE ZILWA. Dr. H. O. GUNEWARDENE read notes and demonstrated *x*-ray plates of two cases of large pericardial effusion. Drs. LIONEL DE SILVA, LUCIAN DE ZILWA, and H. M. PERIES joined in the subsequent discussion. Votes of thanks were accorded to the readers of the papers.

At the meeting held on June 16th a committee was appointed to make arrangements for the annual dinner. Dr. H. M. PERIES read a paper on maternal and infantile mortality and morbidity in Ceylon, which was followed by a discussion in which Drs. S. T. GUNASEKERA, W. S. J. PERIES, MAY DE LIVERA, and G. COOKE took part; and Dr. H. O. GUNEWARDENE read a paper on paroxysmal tachycardia.

A further meeting of the Ceylon Branch was held on July 14th, when Dr. S. F. CHELLAPPAH read a paper on the epidemic of cholera in the Eastern and North-Central Provinces in 1925, which was discussed by Drs. V. VAN LANGENBERG and S. T. GUNASEKERA.

insurance. The contributions are paid willingly, and we have no trouble with certificates, records, inspectors, tribunals, and other like factors which contribute to the frightful waste of public moneys which the present national insurance scheme engenders.

During our last negotiations we were told by the Treasury auditors that there was not enough money to give us what we thought was reasonable. Apparently there are millions now for extra benefits, but nothing for extra remuneration to the medical practitioners. Surely, in order to have co-operation and an efficient service, we (who are, after all, the essential part of the whole scheme) should be encouraged by a generous rather than a mean remuneration. I enclose my card.—I am, etc.,

November 16th. M.B., C.M.

At a meeting of the Cambridgeshire Insurance Committee, on October 23rd, Dr. Robert Ellis was unanimously elected vice-chairman of the Committee for the second year in succession.

Dr. G. J. Harris of Anstey, near Leicester, honorary secretary of the Leicestershire Panel Committee, has been elected chairman of the Leicestershire Insurance Committee.

Naval and Military Appointments.

ROYAL NAVAL MEDICAL SERVICE.

Messrs. H. M. Levy and J. J. Mason have entered as Surgeon Lieutenants and appointed to Haslar Hospital for course.

ROYAL ARMY MEDICAL CORPS.

Captains to be Majors: H. Alcock (prov.), with precedence next below F. C. Chandler, M.C.; K. A. M. Tomory; R. I. Sullivan, M.C., and remains seconded; A. R. Ross (prov.); R. A. Anderson; B. C. O. Sheridan, M.C.

Temporary Captain R. W. D. Hewson relinquishes his commission and is granted the rank of Captain.

W. H. D. Priest to be temporary Lieutenant.

ROYAL AIR FORCE MEDICAL SERVICE.

Flying Officer W. A. Beck is transferred to the Reserve, Class D.2.

INDIAN MEDICAL SERVICE.

Major-General R. Heard, C.I.E., Surgeon-General with the Government of Bengal, is granted leave for four months, pending retirement.

Colonel C. H. Bensley, C.I.E., Inspector-General of Civil Hospitals and Prisons, Assam, is granted four months' leave, preparatory to retirement.

Lieut.-Colonel R. F. Baird appointed to officiate as Inspector-General of Civil Hospitals, United Provinces.

Major J. B. Lapsley, M.C., appointed Assistant Director-General, Indian Medical Service (Stores), in succession to Lieut.-Colonel G. G. Hirst.

Captains to be Majors: R. Hay, M. Murphy, M.C., J. H. Oonvala, H. E. Murray, W. M. Will.

The services of Captain J. C. Chukerbertti are placed temporarily at the disposal of the Government of Bengal.

REGULAR ARMY RESERVE OF OFFICERS.

ROYAL ARMY MEDICAL CORPS.

Captain A. D. Gorman, late R.A.M.C. Spec. Res., to be Lieutenant, and relinquishes the rank of Captain.

G. R. A. de Montjoie Rudolf to be Lieutenant.

TERRITORIAL ARMY.

ROYAL ARMY MEDICAL CORPS.

Major R. Henry, T.D., having attained the age limit, is retired and retains his rank, with permission to wear the prescribed uniform.

Captain W. Ainslie, M.C., having attained the age limit, relinquishes his commission and retains his rank.

Captain J. K. Holland, R.A.M.C., to be Divisional Adjutant 53rd (Welsh) Division, vice Captain J. D'A. Champney, vacated.

Lieutenants J. D. M. Cardell and A. F. G. Guinness to be Captains.

D. N. Buchanan, late Lieutenant 6th Battalion Highland Light Infantry, to be Lieutenant, with precedence as from October 26th, 1925.

General Hospitals.—Lieutenant K. V. Bailey, from the General List, to be Lieutenant, with precedence as from July 28th, 1926.

TERRITORIAL ARMY RESERVE OF OFFICERS.

ROYAL ARMY MEDICAL CORPS.

Captain (Brevet Major) J. B. Orr, D.S.O., M.C., from Active List, to be Captain (Brevet Major).

VACANCIES.

Birmingham and Midland Eye Hospital.—Two House-Surgeons. Salary £110 and £120 per annum respectively.

Birmingham and Midland Hospital for Women.—House-Surgeon. Salary £75 per annum.

Brighton County Borough.—Resident Medical Officer at the Borough Infectious Disease Hospital and Sanatorium (male, unmarried). Salary at the rate of £350 per annum.

Brighton: Royal Alexandra Hospital for Sick Children.—House-Surgeon. Salary at the rate of £100 per annum.

Brighton: Sussex Maternity and Women's Hospital.—(1) Second Honorary Obstetric Physician. (2) Second Resident House-Surgeon; salary at the rate of £100 per annum.

Buxton and District Cottage Hospital.—Aural Surgeon.

Cambridge: Addenbrooke's Hospital.—House-Surgeon (male). Salary at the rate of £130 per annum.

Cancer Hospital, Fulham Road, S.W.3.—(1) Pathologist; salary £1,000 per annum. (2) House-Surgeon; salary at the rate of £100 per annum.

Canterbury City and Borough.—Medical Officer of Health and School Medical Officer. Salary £800 per annum, rising to £900.

Charing Cross Hospital, W.C.2.—Assistant Physician.

Cheshire County Mental Hospital, Parkside.—Male Assistant Medical Officer. Salary £350 per annum, rising to £450.

City of London Hospital for Diseases of the Heart and Lungs, Victoria Park, E.2.—(1) Resident Medical Officer. (2) House-Physician. (3) Medical Officer to assist Physicians in the Out-patient Department. Salary at the rate of £250, £100, and £150 per annum respectively.

East African Medical Service.—Two Medical Officers as Assistant Bacteriologists in Kenya. Salary £600 per annum, rising to £840 and then, subject to efficiency bar, by £40 to £920.

General Lying-in Hospital, York Road, S.E.1.—Resident Medical Officer. Salary at the rate of £100 per annum.

Gloucestershire Joint Committee for Tuberculosis.—Assistant Medical Officer at the Standish House Sanatorium, Stonehouse. Salary £250 per annum.

Hampstead General and North-West London Hospital, Haverstock Hill, N.W.3.—(1) House-Surgeon. (2) Casualty Surgical Officer. Salary at the rate of £100 per annum each.

Hospital for Sick Children, Great Ormond Street, W.C.1.—(1) Surgeon. (2) Physician to Out-patients. (3) House-Physician. (4) House-Surgeon. (5) Anaesthetist. Salaries for (3) and (4) £50 for six months, and for (5) honorarium of £15 15s.

Hounslow Hospital.—Resident Medical Officer (lady). Salary at the rate of £80 per annum.

Hull Royal Infirmary.—Assistant House-Physician (male). Salary at the rate of £130 per annum.

Johannesburg: University of Witwatersrand.—Professor of Physiology. Salary £1,000 per annum, rising to £1,100.

London Homœopathic Hospital, Great Ormond Street, W.C.1.—Resident Medical Officer. Salary at the rate of £100 per annum.

London Lock Hospital, 91, Dean Street, W.1.—Clinical Assistantships in the Out-patient Department.

Lucknow University.—Professor of Anatomy. Salary Rs.1,450 per mensem.

Manchester Royal Infirmary.—Resident Medical Officer. Salary £200 per annum.

Margate: Royal Sea Bathing Hospital for Surgical Tuberculosis.—Salary at the rate of £200 per annum.

Melbourne University.—Director of Tubercular Research. Salary £1,000 per annum.

Mildmay Mission Hospital, Austin Street, Bethnal Green, E.2.—Senior and Junior Resident Medical Officers (males). Salary £140 and £100 per annum respectively.

National Hospital, Queen Square, W.C.1.—Resident Medical Officer. Salary £200 per annum.

Norfolk and Norwich Hospital.—(1) House-Physician. (2) House-Surgeon. Males. Salary £120 per annum each.

Papworth Sanatorium and Village Settlement, Cambridge.—House-Physician. Salary at the rate of £100 per annum.

Prince of Wales's General Hospital, Tottenham, N.15.—Honorary Clinical Assistants.

Queen Mary's Hospital for the East End, Stratford, E.15.—(1) Resident Medical Officer. (2) House-Physician. (3) Two House-Surgeons. (4) Obstetric House-Surgeon. (5) House-Physician and Casualty Officer. Males.

Ruthin Castle.—Junior Physician. Salary at the rate of £200 per annum.

Salford Royal Hospital.—Two Honorary Assistant Surgeons.

Swansea General and Eye Hospital.—Assistant Pathologist (temporary). Salary £500 per annum (non-resident).

University College Hospital, Gower Street, W.C.1.—Clinical Assistant in the X-Ray Department.

West London Hospital, Hammersmith Road, W.6.—(1) House-Physician. (2) House-Surgeon. (3) One Resident Assistant Casualty Officer and Aural and Ophthalmic House-Surgeon Males. Salary at the rate of £100 per annum each.

Certifying Factory Surgeons.—The following vacant appointments are announced: Ripponden (Yorks), Earl Shilton (Leicestershire), Denbigh (Denbighshire), Torrington (Devon). Applications to the Chief Inspector of Factories, Home Office, Whitehall, S.W.1.

This list of vacancies is compiled from our advertisement columns, where full particulars will be found. To ensure notice in this column advertisements must be received not later than the first post on Tuesday morning.

APPOINTMENTS.

Brockbank, E. M., M.D., Specialist Medical Referee under the Workmen's Compensation Act for Industrial Diseases for County Court Districts in Lancashire, Circuit Nos. 6, 7, 10, and 19.

Bury, Judson S., M.D., Specialist Medical Referee under the Workmen's Compensation Act for Industrial Diseases for County Court Districts in Lancashire, Circuit Nos. 3, 4, 5, and 8.

Davies-Colley, Robert, C.M.G., M.Ch., F.R.C.S., Medical Referee under the Workmen's Compensation Act, 1925, for the District of Clerkenwell County Court (Circuit No. 41), vice A. H. Tubby, C.B., C.M.G., M.B., F.R.C.S., resigned.

Dick, John, M.B., Ch.B.Edin., D.P.H., Chief Medical Officer of Leeds Union and Medical Superintendent of St. James's Hospital.

Fairer, John A., M.D.Vict., D.P.H., County Medical Officer of Health, Leicestershire.

Goldschmidt, William N., M.A., B.Chir.Camb., M.R.C.P.Lond., Honorary Physician for Diseases of the Skin to the Kensington, Fulham, and Chelsea General Hospital.

Valentine, J. A., M.D., Honorary Ophthalmic Surgeon to the Royal West Sussex Hospital, Chichester.

regarding ophthalmia neonatorum and puerperal fever and pyrexia, the majority of those present taking part. The general feeling of the meeting at first appeared to be that the regulations in question were unnecessary, and that they would be cumbersome and objectionable in practice. Dr. DUNLOP (medical officer of health for Torquay) explained the attitude and intentions of the public health authorities in regard to such cases, and indicated the different ways in which help could be given by them to the practitioner in the general management and treatment of such cases. He also pointed out that the form of certificate provided allowed the doctor to say that "facilities are available for all necessary treatment." No resolutions on the subject were put before the meeting.

The arrangements for the provision of a British Medical Association Lecture this session were also considered, and the subject of "Lunacy from the point of view of a general practitioner" was provisionally chosen.

A dinner and dance is being arranged by the Torquay Division for 8 p.m. on Wednesday, December 22nd. This function will be held in the Palace Hotel, Torquay, and it is hoped that any members of the medical profession who may be in or near Torquay on that date will join the party. Tickets (15s. each, excluding wines) and any further information may be obtained from the honorary secretary, Dr. W. CAMERON DAVIDSON, Avonleigh, Acadia Road, Torquay. (Telephone: 2728 Torquay.)

SUSSEX BRANCH: CHICHESTER AND WORTHING DIVISION.

THE autumn dinner of the Chichester and Worthing Division was held at Warne's Hotel, Worthing, on November 17th. In the absence of Dr. H. J. M. Millbank-Smith, chairman of the Division, through ill health, Dr. F. HINDS presided.

The CHAIRMAN expressed the sorrow felt by all present at the absence of Dr. Millbank-Smith, and especially the cause. Dr. L. A. PARRY, honorary secretary of the Sussex Branch, in proposing the toast of "The Mayor and Corporation of Worthing," said that the British Medical Association, with its membership of over 32,000, was not founded solely in the interests of medical men, but desired to assist in promoting the public health, and was anxious to co-operate with the authorities in every possible way. The MAYOR OF WORTHING, in acknowledging the toast, emphasized the value of Worthing as a health resort, and called attention to the lowness of its death rate. He made particular reference to the progress of maternity and child welfare work and dental hygiene which was being carried out in the town. The toast "The Common Health" was proposed by Sir HENRY GAUVAIN and acknowledged by Dr. LOCKHART STEPHENS. The toast of "The British Medical Association," proposed by Sir CHARLES O'BRIEN HARDING, was acknowledged by Mr. W. E. HEMPSON, Solicitor to the British Medical Association, who referred to its democratic basis and its empire-wide ramifications. Dr. PEARSON, deputy mayor of Arundel, proposed the toast of "The Guests," which was acknowledged by Dr. HELEN BOYLE and Sir ARTHUR ALLEN-WILLIAMS.

WEST SOMERSET BRANCH.

THE autumn meeting of the West Somerset Branch was held on November 16th at the Taunton and Somerset Hospital, when Dr. J. A. MACDONALD presided.

Dr. HERBERT FRENCH, physician to Guy's Hospital, gave a British Medical Association Lecture entitled "A series of small points." The subjects touched on included: the use of the venesection needle; the effects of certain deleterious gases, including coal gas and the products of its incomplete combustion, and the likelihood of those effects being mistaken for diseases due to microbic toxins or other causes; poisoning by atophan, atoquinol, etc.; the peptone injection treatment of recurrent sick headaches.

Each subject was discussed after Dr. French had spoken on it and before passing on to the next subject. There were over thirty members and visitors present, and Dr. French's remarks were greatly appreciated as being of high practical value and very interesting to all in general practice. The points were well discussed, and a considerable number of those present took part in the discussion.

At 7.30 p.m. twenty-nine members and visitors were present at the annual West Somerset medical dinner, under the chairmanship of Dr. MACDONALD. Dr. Herbert French was the principal guest. A very enjoyable evening was spent by those present.

WILTSHIRE BRANCH: TROWBRIDGE DIVISION.

A MEETING of the Trowbridge Division was held at Chippenham on November 3rd.

The recommendation of the Executive Committee that the scale of minimum commencing salaries for public health medical officers, adopted by the Annual Representative Meeting at Bath, be adopted by the Division was passed unanimously.

The question of the establishment of mental clinics was discussed, and the secretary was instructed to write to the clerk of the County Mental Hospital, Devizes, stating that accommodation had been offered, free of charge, by the Trowbridge Cottage Hospital, and it was hoped to make a similar arrangement with the Chippenham Cottage Hospital, and asking that such clinics should be organized.

Cases were shown and discussed.

YORKSHIRE BRANCH.

THE annual meeting of the Yorkshire Branch was held at the Station Hotel, York, on October 2nd. The retiring President, Dr. A. L. MCCULLY, occupied the chair until the election of Dr. P. Macdonald. In addition to the chairman and officers of the Branch there were present some seventy members.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

President, Dr. Peter Macdonald. *Vice-Presidents*, Drs. A. J. Hall and A. L. McCully. *Honorary Treasurer and Secretary*, Dr. A. E. Barnes.

A vote of thanks was accorded to Dr. McCully for his services during the past year, and Dr. MACDONALD then assumed the chairmanship of the meeting.

Before proceeding to give his presidential address, Dr. Macdonald called on the honorary secretary of the York Division (Dr. J. C. Lyth) to announce the arrangements which had been made for the entertainment of visitors subsequent to the meeting. Dr. LYTH explained that the York Division being a small one and not likely to provide a large amount of clinical material, it had been decided to hold a short meeting which would be limited to the presidential address followed by Dr. Wilson's address on country practice, and that after members present and their friends had been entertained to tea by the Division, parties would be conducted to objects of archaeological interest in York, the arrangements for which had been made by Dr. W. A. Evelyn, honorary secretary to the York Archaeological Society.

The PRESIDENT then delivered his address on "Instinct and functioning in health and disease," in which he gave an account of the work of F. Matthias Alexander, which he regarded as the most important contribution to the science and art of medicine of this generation. Dr. Macdonald's address excited the greatest curiosity and interest of members, a number of questions being asked and replied to by the President. The address will be published.

Dr. A. C. J. WILSON then read a paper entitled "Reminiscences of fifty years of country practice at Penistone—February 14th, 1876, to February 14th, 1926." This paper, a full report of which will be published in the BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL, met with a most enthusiastic reception, members being both interested and very much amused by many of the quaint experiences detailed by Dr. Wilson.

After the adjournment for tea two parties were made up; one party was conducted by Dr. Macdonald to the Merchant Adventurers' Hall, where the curator, Miss Maud Sellers, D.Litt., explained the history of the building. The other party was conducted by Dr. W. A. Evelyn to St. William's College, over which they were shown by the Rev. F. Harrison, F.S.A., the Vicar Choral of York Minster.

Later in the day the two parties rejoined for the purpose of viewing the recent excavations of the Roman rampart of York. These were explained by Mr. S. N. Miller, the director of the excavations and lecturer in Roman history and antiquities, Glasgow University. The party was first conveyed to the recently discovered East Corner Tower, and, after walking round the city walls, arrived at the Western Tower in the Museum Gardens, where excavations were still in progress.

Correspondence.

Panel Patients and Extra Fees.

SIR,—Thank heaven someone has approached the matter of the tribulation and remuneration of the panel doctor. Dr. Todd-White, in his letter in the SUPPLEMENT of November 13th (p. 214), has (no doubt owing to considerations of time and space) understated rather than overstated the deplorable condition of affairs under which we panel practitioners meekly work and suffer. It can be confidently stated that neither the panel patient nor the general public are aware that we are paid the magnificent sum of two pennies per week for each patient—half the price of a glass of beer! When I tell my patients that this is what I receive their incredulity is unmistakable and their remarks often terse, to say the least. What respect can a patient have for a twopenny doctor? Do the public, for instance, recognize that for this twopence we are required to give full medical attendance, surgical attendance, including all operations except major ones, extraction of teeth (see latest ruling), certificates galore, anaesthetics, etc.? And then the records!

How many practitioners are aware of what goes on when one is haled before a medical service subcommittee? The behaviour of some of the lay members of these committees is a scandal. I have been twice before these tribunals and found not guilty in both cases. This is bad enough on account of loss of time, etc., but I have been bullied, subjected to running comments behind my back, and threatened.

Is it not time that the Association organized a Public Medical Service whereby we could give the public, for reasonable weekly contributions, a decent service and still have respect for ourselves and receive the same from our patients? In this district private club members pay 3d. per week and 4d. for a bottle of medicine, and the service only includes medical attendance and very minor operations. This is certainly better than we receive under the national health